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Book Reviews.

The Pentateuch in the Light of Today. By ALFRED HOLBORN, A.M. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1902. Pp. 113. \$0.75, *net.*

Thoughtful readers of the Bible whose knowledge of the higher criticism is derived only from vague and often hostile opinions will find this book most helpful toward reaching an independent judgment. Delivered originally as a course of lectures before a Sunday school union, it assumes in the reader only an average Bible student's ability to use the English Bible. Defining the method of higher criticism as a comparing of Scripture with Scripture, it then presents a number of passages whose discrepancies call for explanation. Next comes a chapter discussing briefly but clearly the principal sources or documents postulated by the critics as a reasonable explanation, and each of the five books is drawn on for evidence in support of this hypothesis. The final chapter discusses the chronology and method of writing, uniting, and revising the documents. An analytic diagram of the sources based on Driver, a list of authorities, and an index are appended to aid in further study.

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The American Bible: The Books of the Bible in Modern English for American Readers. By FRANK SCHELL BALLENTINE. Scranton, Pa.: Good News Publishing Co., 1902. New Testament in five volumes, \$0.65 each in cloth.

This series is a successful attempt to combine the interpretation of the literary form of the New Testament with the modernization of its language. In the arrangement of the volumes, and in the attention to the literary structure, it resembles closely the *Modern Reader's Bible* by Dr. Moulton; but in its colloquial English it is more closely related to the *Twentieth Century New Testament*, without, however, departing so radically as does that work from the stateliness of the Authorized and the Revised Versions. It is thus better adapted to public use than the *Twentieth Century New Testament*, and its form in the small volumes is more convenient. Each volume contains a preface setting forth the